

Identification of High Ability Learners: Tests, Tools, Tips

Date: December 1, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Site: Charlestown*

**after the registration deadline, participants will receive a confirmation letter with map/directions via email from the Wilson Education Center*

Fee: **FREE! Breakfast, Lunch, and Materials are included.**

Deadline: November 17, 2008 (**Registration is required**) CRUs will be available.

This event is funded by the Indiana Department of Education, Office of High Ability Education and is provided to Indiana public school educators at no charge.

Participants will work in pairs or small groups in this hands-on workshop

They will:

- Learn what is contained in a defensible student assessment plan (identification protocol)
- Understand how identification procedures integrate with the other components of a system of services for high ability students.
- Review actual group testing materials for ease of use, fit with services, cost, appropriateness for setting and demographics.
- Consider other non-test measures to be used for a multifaceted plan
- Review sample high ability assessment plans (identification protocols) for consistency and appropriateness.
- Begin the process of creating or modifying an existing plan for their school corporation that is consistent with the mandate and appropriate for their individual settings.

Participants: Please bring to this workshop as much information as possible about the district that is relevant to identification, e.g. mission statement, district definition, philosophy, policies on acceleration, exit procedures, appeals procedures, district demographics, and description of services.

About the Presenters:

Dr. Ginny Burney is a Consultant for High Ability Programs with the Indiana Education Project at Ball State University, where she also teaches a course in the series for High Ability Licensure. She has two graduate degrees in guidance and counseling and has worked as a school counselor and guidance director. Ginny is a past president of the Indiana Association for the Gifted and recently concluded five years of service on the National Association for Gifted Children's Board of Directors.

Dr. Kristie Speirs Neumeister is an Assistant Professor at Ball State University in the Educational Psychology Department where she teaches graduate courses in gifted education. She is on the board of directors for the Indiana Association for the Gifted and the Council for Exceptional Children: The Association for the Gifted. Her research interests center on the social and emotional needs of gifted students. Dr. Speirs Neumeister is an educational psychologist at Ball State University.

Materials: Participants will be able to review tests with psychometric properties that are appropriate for high ability learners.

TO REGISTER: Go to www.wesc.k12.in.us

Click on Online Workshop Registration link

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*Class size is limited--first come, first served. No phone registrations accepted.
Workshop will be cancelled if enrollment is inadequate.*